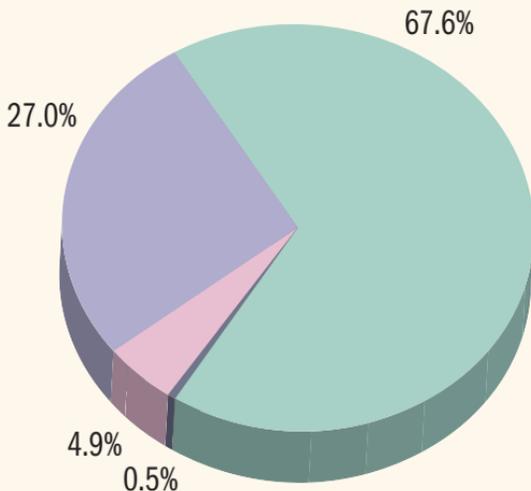
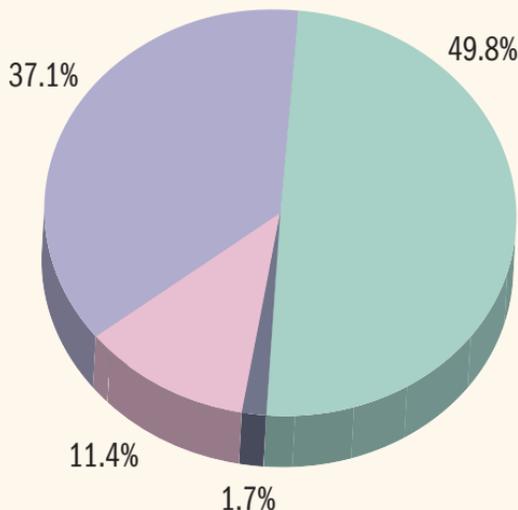


WHO NEEDS A LEVELS? THE RISE OF VOCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

1999



2009



A level, no BTEC **A level & BTEC** **BTEC, no A level** **Other quals**

Figures show qualifications held by UK-domiciled applicants accepted to UK higher education institutions through the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service. Of the 206,057 accepted applicants who did not have A levels in 2009:

25 per cent had BTEC National Diplomas/National Certificates/National Awards

22 per cent had overseas qualifications

12 per cent had Scottish Qualifications Authority grades

7 per cent had Access to HE qualifications

All other qualifications made up statistically insignificant proportions.